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## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

With the Notice of Allowance, the Examiner made several requests regarding the biological deposits.

First, the Examiner requested that Applicants insert the accession numbers and dates of deposit into the specification. As discussed by phone with the Examiner, Applicants have already inserted the accession numbers in the last-filed amendment. The present amendment clarifies that the accession numbers were indeed inserted into the specification. With this Amendment, Applicants have also inserted the deposit dates.

Second, the Examiner stated that Applicants have not stated that all restrictions imposed by the depositor will be removed with grant of the patent. As discussed by phone with the Examiner, the Declaration of Makato Yamamori, filed with the previous Amendment, states in paragraph 3B that all restrictions will be irrevocably removed upon grant of the patent.

Accordingly, Applicants believe that all of the Examiner's concerns have been addressed and issuance of a patent is requested at the earliest date possible.

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